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**PROJECTS WANTED: STATE PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATIONS  
AVAILABLE FOR ARTS, CULTURE, AND PUBLIC HISTORIC SITES**

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) is pleased to announce the availability of \$1 million in State Preservation Grants to support renovation projects for museums, cultural art centers, and public historic sites located in historic structures throughout the state. In 2002 and 2004, Rhode Island voters approved bond issues to fund a historic preservation grant program operated by the Commission. Grant rounds in 2003 and 2004 awarded a total of \$3 million towards the capital preservation of 46 properties in 18 cities and towns.

As of 2005, an additional property type will be eligible to apply for State Preservation Grants. Public historic sites are historic structures open to the general public that are used principally for events and activities of community interest and that are widely recognized as being representative of the community's heritage. Examples include historic town halls, city halls, and libraries.

Grant amounts range from \$5000 to \$100,000. The State Preservation Grants Program requires grantees to raise matching funds to complete their projects. In the program's first two years, \$3 million in grants awarded have supported projects with a total value of \$35,319,162.

The 2005 \$1 million application round is now open. Grant applications are now available on the Commission's website—[www.preservation.ri.gov](http://www.preservation.ri.gov)—or by calling 401-222-4138. Applications are due on or before July 29, 2005. Applicants will be notified of grant decisions in November 2005.

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